

MATHEMATICS ENRICHMENT CLUB.  
Problem Sheet 3, May 20, 2019<sup>1</sup>

1. Let  $a$  and  $b$  be positive integers such that  $2^a - 2^b = 2016$ . Find the value of  $a + b$ .
2. Let  $ABCD$  be a square, with  $M$  and  $N$  the mid points of the sides  $BC$  and  $AD$  respectively.  $K$  is an arbitrary point on the extension of the diagonal  $AC$  beyond

## Senior Questions

1. Given that  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  are positive integers, solve

(a)  $a!b! = a! + b!$

(b)  $a!b! = a! + b! + 2^c$

(c)  $a!b! = a! + b! + c!$

2. (a) Prove that for  $n \geq 3$ ,  $(n + 1)! > (n - 2)(1! + 2! + \dots + n!)$ .

(b) Use part (a) or otherwise, show that for  $n \geq 3$ ,  $(n + 1)!$  is not divisible by  $1! + 2! + \dots + n!$ .